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	Examiner John M. Winter	Art Unit 3621	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 43,46-49 and 53-55 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 43,46-49,53-55 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 43,46-49,53-55 remain pending

Applicant's request for reconsideration of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the last action is withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

The Applicants arguments filed on October 31, 2005 have been fully considered.

The amended claims are rejected in consideration of newly discovered reference Pierce et al (US Patent 5,930,796) and Schuricht et al. (US Patent 5,070,463).

See following rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 43,46-47,49,53-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kara, (WO 97/14117) in view of Berson (US Patent No 5,768,384) and further in view of Pierce et al (US Patent 5,930,796)

As per claim 43, and 49,

Kara ('117) discloses a method for shipping/mailling articles comprising the steps of: producing the shipping/mailling data for generating a shipper's label.(Figure 16b; also page 34, lines 5-25)

Kara ('117) does not explicitly disclose generating shipping/mailling data for one of the articles at one of a plurality of client terminals which are linked to a host terminal, wherein generating comprises information transfer between the client terminal and the host terminal. Berson ('384) discloses generating shipping/mailling data for one of the articles at one of a plurality of client terminals which are linked to a host terminal,(Abstract) wherein generating comprises information transfer between the client terminal and the host terminal. (Figure 3) It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Kara method with the Berson in order to reduce the cost of operation by utilizing a network that can be centrally managed.

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Kara ('117) does not explicitly disclose referring to a database of valid addresses for validation; wherein referring to the database of valid addresses yields a proposed address. Pierce et al ('796) discloses referring to a database of valid addresses for validation; wherein referring to the database of valid addresses yields a proposed address (Figure 2). It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Kara method with the Pierce et al ('796) in order to reduce the cost of operation by reducing erroneous mailings.

Claim 49, 54 and 55 are in parallel with claim 43 and are rejected for at least the same reasons.

As per claim 46,

Kara ('117) discloses a method for shipping/mailing articles comprising the steps of: producing the shipping/mailing data for generating a shipper's label.(Figure 16b; also, page 34, lines 5-25)

Kara ('117) does not explicitly disclose generating shipping/mailing data for one of the articles at one of a plurality of client terminals which are linked to a host terminal, wherein generating comprises information transfer between the client terminal and the host terminal. Berson ('384) discloses generating shipping/mailing data for one of the articles at one of a plurality of client terminals which are linked to a host terminal,(Abstract) wherein generating comprises information transfer between the client terminal and the host terminal. (Figure 3) It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Kara method with the Berson in order to reduce the cost of operation by utilizing a network that can be centrally managed.

Kara ('117) does not explicitly disclose address standardizing. Pierce et al ('796) discloses address standardizing (Column 4, lines 12-30). It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Kara method with the Pierce et al ('796) in order to reduce the cost of operation by reducing erroneous mailings.

Claim 52 is in parallel with claim 46 and is rejected for at least the same reasons.

As per claim 47,

Kara ('117) discloses the method of claim 46

Kara ('117) does not explicitly disclose wherein standardizing takes into account how many lines an address has. Pierce et al ('796) discloses wherein standardizing takes into account how many lines an address has.(Column 4, lines 12-30). It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Kara method with the Pierce et al ('796) in order to reduce the cost of operation by reducing erroneous mailings.

Claim 53 is in parallel with claim 46 and is rejected for at least the same reasons.

Claim 48 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kara, (WO 97/14117) in view of Berson (US Patent No 5,768,384) and further in view of Schuricht et al. (US Patent 5,070,463)

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As per claim 48,

Kara ('117) discloses a method for shipping/mailling articles comprising the steps of: producing the shipping/mailling data for generating a shipper's label.(Figure 16b; also page 34, lines 5-25)

Kara ('117) does not explicitly disclose generating shipping/mailling data for one of the articles at one of a plurality of client terminals which are linked to a host terminal, wherein generating comprises information transfer between the client terminal and the host terminal. Berson ('384) discloses generating shipping/mailling data for one of the articles at one of a plurality of client terminals which are linked to a host terminal,(Abstract) wherein generating comprises information transfer between the client terminal and the host terminal. (Figure 3) It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Kara method with the Berson in order to reduce the cost of operation by utilizing a network that can be centrally managed.

Kara ('117) does not explicitly disclose selecting a carrier. Schuricht et al. ('463) discloses selecting a carrier.(Abstract) wherein generating comprises information transfer between the client terminal and the host terminal. (Abstract, Figure 2A) It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Kara method with the Schuricht et al. in order to reduce the cost of operation by utilizing the most inexpensive shipper.

Conclusion

Examiners note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Winter whose telephone number is (571) 272-6713. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, **James Trammell** can be reached at (571) 272-6712. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://portal.uspto.gov/external/portal/pair> . Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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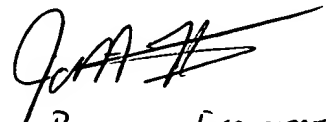
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